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No. 12

Howard University Journal, the Mother of a New National Newspaper

There has appeared upon the scene of action in the capital city a new newspaper devoted to the interests and actions of the Negro in the Capital City. The first issue of this paper which appeared last Saturday was a very commendable specimen of Journalistic creation and if it will continue along the lines it has begun, it might well be predicted that it will become an influential organ of the Negro race.

It might be of interest to the students and friends of Howard, to know that the editors of the Washington American, as the new journal is called, are both Howard men one of whom, Mr. Oscea Taylor, was editor of the University Journal, 1905-6. Mr. O. M. Randolph was an active Howard man when he was here, and they both carry into the Washington American a goodly quota of the Howard spirit.

Speaking along the same line it might also be well to mention the fact that the greatest Negro paper in the country is the product of the Howard genius. T. Thomas Fortune who really founded and built up the New York Age to the position it now holds, was once a student at Howard.

The character and record of the men who now launch upon the venture of establishing a decent paper in Washington gives every reason to hope that the American will in time to come mount to that high eminence now occupied alone by the New York Age.

All Howard should be interested in this new paper for it is safe to

say that the Howard University Journal is the mother of the Washington American.

How Our Athletics Stand

In order that the student body at large may know the true condition of the Athletic Association and the probability of the suspension of base ball and track work this spring, we submit the following statement:

Cash on hand	\$26.34
LIABILITIES	
To Mr. Robinson, Coach	\$17.00
Laundry for Coach	1.50
Mr. J. H. Thomas, borrowed	55.00
Murray Bros., printing	8.15
Prof. C. C. Cook, borrowed	5.00
Prof. G. M. Lighfoot, borr'd	5.00
University, board of teams	37.34
Walford*	90.00
Total	\$219.99

*Not certain about the accuracy of Walford's bill.

The administration is very anxious to free the association from the debt which we found when we entered office. To that end we are working faithfully and the ways and means committee has some plans on foot for raising this money. Now let everyone rally and help us and we will have a good base ball season despite the drawbacks.

W. R. WILSON, Pres.
C. B. CURLEY, Vice-Pres.
J. T. WARRICKS, Sec.
C. S. COWAN, Mgr. Base B. T.

The University Choral Society

will give a return rendition of the cantata, "Ruth, the Moabites," Friday, Jan. 15, at 8 p. m., in Andrew Rankin Chapel.

Admission, 25 cents.
Reserved seats, 35 cents.

Basket Ball

Saturday night last, the "Preps" lined their team up against Baltimore High; while the "Medics" faced the Spartans.

The "Preps" easily outclassed the Baltimoreans, the final score being 35 to 5. The game was played with the ease, quickness, and absence of roughness that characterizes a good basket ball game and makes it a performance for the spectators.

The "Preps" seemed to score at will. Lewis seemed especially lucky and accurate in his "shoots." His clever handling of the ball soon won the audience, and he became the favorite, receiving much applause. Franklin also played great ball.

Baltimore was not very strong; but showed improvement over their lost game with the "Medics." Their center, Shipley, played their best ball.

The "Medics" went down before the Spartans in a game that was more of man against man than team against team. The play was fast, rough, and hard at all stages. While it was exciting and interesting enough, it was not pleasing; nor was the result: Spartans, 13; "Medics," 3. Henderson, Capt. of the Spartans, towered above all the players on both sides, playing most of the game for his team. The substitution of Cuff for Morse, and Curtis for Cook, helped to stay, but could not stem, the tide of defeat: Giles' playing was the strength of the Medics.

Watch for the "Toastmaster," the great College play to be produced by the "Frat" boys.

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The Editor's Apology

Of late the Journal and its staff have been the objects of much austere criticism. Some of our critics scourge us for not publishing the articles they send us, others scourge us because more space is given to the School of Liberal Arts than to any other department of the University, others claim that there is too much Alpha Phi Alpha in the columns of the Journal, and still others there are who protest that some men's names have been seen in the Journal several times during the course of the year while others have not yet appeared. All these objections might seem plausible on the face but lo and behold! here comes a voice from an insane propaganda which says that the Journal staff is not in position to pass judgment on any article which is handed in, has no right to make corrections or abridgments when it thinks it necessary, and should at all times publish all articles that are handed in and just as they are handed in.

This last objection needs neither answer nor explanation and appears

to the Journal staff simply as the Insane Murmurings of Disorderly Mind. But lest there remains a doubt in the mind of anyone the Journal wishes to say that it usurps the denied power and shall maintain its right to select and pass judgment upon all matter to be published in its columns and will make any changes or corrections that it deems necessary. As to the other objections we wish to say that we give all space to the several department that the accepted news occupies. There are no paid reporters on the Journal staff and the men who collect and publish the news are all busy men and do this work at a sacrifice as a service to the student body, and it cannot be expected that these few busy men can be present to report everything that occurs. Further the space in the Journal is very limited and every attempt to enlarge it has met stern and bitter opposition from the authorities. That the Journal is not up to the standard that the school seems to warrant is admitted by the Journal staff with as much liberality as it is urged with austerity on the part of our critics. But when the same critics either refuse to subscribe or, having subscribed, refuse to pay their subscriptions, and when the authorities pile up every obstacle in the way of the staff, what do our gentle and thoughtful critics expect us to do? We would like to have a few suggestions along that line.

As to the objections about Alpha Phi Alpha and certain men's names appearing more often than others we simply wish to state that we follow out the inevitable and neglect to say anything about those concerning whom there is nothing to be said, and proceed to write about those men and bodies of men that are doing something to hold them before the Howard eye. Such is the custom with all news organs. Pick up the paper any day and there you find the names of the men who are doing things in the world to recommend them to public attention and not the names of some disgruntled malcontents who only want to see their names in print and are doing nothing to warrant it. We regret that Howard will not let us give her a better paper. It should be our delight to double its size. We admit all of our faults and shortcomings and smart under them as much as do our disgruntled critics but in the face of all we dare to assert that our subscribers are getting a better, brighter, and newer paper at a smaller cost than was ever offered around these parts before.

Human Parasites Must Go!

One of the greatest strokes ever made about the University, surely

within the last year, yea, nearer still, within the last few weeks, since the general management of University affairs has been in the hands of the present Secretary, has been the entire rooting out of the great number of human parasites who have been virtually sapping the very life-blood of the Dining Hall. It was regretfully discovered that some hide-bound, seared conscience, human leeches had been taking meals in the boarding hall from the opening of the school year to Christmas without having paid a single penny. No wonder then that those who pay up each month cannot get any better board than they do. The housekeeper, Mrs. Messer, a woman well experienced in the business, is overjoyed at the outcome of the new management; and Mr. Cooper, the headwaiter, declares that more meal tickets have been issued from the Secretary's office this month than have been received for any two months previous. How could such things be? And yet, this is but a small beginning. Let us hope for a larger end. Let us hope that student conscienceness will be so chrystalized against such dishonorable conduct on the part of their members, that it would be impossible for one, having been discovered in such "slow dragging" through the University, to remain thereafter. All credit is due to the present management.

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Oratory

Are orators born or made? is a question that often presents itself to the ambitious youth when he stops long enough to contemplate upon his speaking powers. That the unrestrained ambition to persuade others to act in accordance with one's own ideas, the striking personality, the insistent influence and the commanding poise, which are characteristic of all the world's greatest orators, are innate, no one will deny. But the power of distinct enunciation, formulation in rhetoric and syntax—and position and gesture, is to be had only through training and practice.

The place which oratory occupies today, although as distinctly honorable, is not the same as it was a few years ago. The table is turning: formerly, the main object of the public speaker was to touch the emotions, to make men feel; today it is becoming more to make men think, to give them information. In spite of this tendency, however, oratory is still of vital importance to the success of the public speaker, for the masses of people are not yet educated to think and reason. The leading American colleges of today are divided on the question of instruction in speaking. The University of Chicago requires of all candidates for the degree of A. B. a half year's training in elocution; at Harvard, until very recently, there was a decided opinion that such a course should not only not be required, but if it were given at all, it should be optional; Cornell offers eight courses in oratory; the University of Penn offers two; Howard has now instituted a course in elocution. Though some place a great deal more importance upon instruction in speaking than others, they are unanimous in that some instruction ought to be offered.

That Howard shares with the other leading American colleges in this opinion, is what we are espe-

cially proud of. Simultaneously with the renaissance that has recently swept over the University in every other branch, has been the revival of interest in debating and oratory. The regular course in argumentation has been extended to an additional half year, and we hope the other half will soon be added; of the advanced class, one of the recitations each week is given over exclusively to oratory. Dr. Parks, who for some time made a specialty of elocution, has a regular class in elocution, which is doing excellent work in developing the power of public speaking. Through these classes the University is not only teaching the students to think and have something to say, but how to say it in the best possible and most effective way.

Good results are already evident. The debating club had its origin in this newly aroused interest and though yet in its infancy, is doing effective work. Under the influence of this spirit the Alpha Phi prize debate has been changed to an oratorical contest, and the enthusiasm for debating in the Academy is unbounded. With the continuance of this spirit for oratory and public speaking, Howard may be expected to produce some great and effective speakers in the future.

FRED MCKINNEY

The account of the New Years Reception was left out of last week's issue of the Journal through an oversight in the printing office. However, we cannot let so important a function go unnoticed. This reception was one of the nicest of its kind ever held on the campus and we feel that the greatest credit is due Misses Jenkins and Hedgemon and Mrs. Messer who toiled so earnestly to make it a success.

Some of the Students of Howard University, assisted by Professors Miller and Tunnell, will render a very interesting program at Central M. E. Church, 5th street between M and N Sts., N. W., Sunday evening at 6 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

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Personal

Mr. Bert. L. Marchant, '09, has been confined to his bed for the last few days. We do earnestly hope for him a speedy recovery.

Here is to EVERY STUDENT in the University, for fear some one might feel slighted for having not been mentioned.

Rev. W. A. S. Wright, Col, '08, came up to see the business manager the other day. When are you coming? Rev. Wright goes to visit his parents in the West Indies the latter part of the month.

Dr. W. H. Washington, '08, has established himself in Newark, N. J.

"Charley" Herriot. "Happy" Quander, "Chappy" Howard—can you work that combination?

Dr. Cyril Graham, a graduate of last year's class in dentistry, has passed the Pennsylvania State Board with a very creditable mark. The examination was held in December. Dr. Graham will locate in York, Pa. We hope for him success.

Miss Bertha J. Mondy, T. C. '08, now teaching in Baltimore, took the examination for the public schools of Washington. The examinations were held about two weeks ago and Miss Monday had the honor of making the highest mark of any of the contestants, making an average of 95 in the History, Principles, and Practice of Teaching, and 14 out of a possible 15 points in the oral work. We extend our congratulations.

A great wave of journalism has recently struck the University—everybody wants to see his name in the Howard University Journal.

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The Freshman Class has begun work on Goldsmith's "She Stoops to Conquer."

Societies

The Alpha Phi

The Alpha Phi Literary Society began the new year with brilliant prospects. Everybody seemed to be feasting on parliamentary pie during the Holidays to vendicate themselves on the proposed recommendation for the oratorical contest which is to supplant the annual prize debate formerly given by the organization. But under the vigilant care and timely ruling of President Summers, the body was guarded from the shoals which seemed to threaten ruin and the measures went through, after which, an excellent program, worthy of the name and honor of the society, was rendered, consisting of declamations, recitations and addresses of the very highest type. Following the path set every since the beginning of the school year, Dr. Tunnell was the speaker of the evening. In his address he paid a high compliment to the society for the wonderful work it is doing along the line of training men to think on their feet.

We feel very grateful to the present administration for the work it has done in removing this society from its chaotic state.

J. F. DAGLER.

The Debating Club met on last Saturday night and elected the following officers:

President	J. S. Butts
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Treasurer	R. J. Hawkins
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Reading lists of magazine articles on Poe, Lincoln, and Darwin may be found on the library bulletin boards.

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Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to forego
The desires and proclivities of a mischievous nature
Or to sieze pictures and souvenirs against the will of our
honorable hosts,

And by opposing retain them? To grab, to swipe,
Aye more; and, by so swiping, to say we end
The heart-desire and the thousand playful tendencies,
That we school girls are heir to, 'tis a consummation
Eagerly to be desired. To grab;—to swipe.
To swipe! perchance to ease by, ay there is the rub.
For in the swiping of insignificant things, what reflection
may come?

When we have skedaddled off to our rooms,
Must give us pause. There is the esteem
That demands consideration of a school girl's serious
moments

For who would bear the whips and scorns of the fellows
The visitor's wrongs, the airified girl's contumely.
The pangs of being dusted, the deprived one's righteous
indignation,

The remarks from room-mates, chums, friends, and re-
flections

That the doubtful merit of the unworthy takes
When she herself might the same thing acquire
At a small cost? Who would accusation bear
To struggle and labor during her years in school,
But that the dread of something after quituation
Those fixed and immovable habits, from whose iron
clutches

Never mortal man escapes,—puzzles the will,
And makes us rather content to keep those pictures we have,
Than to swipe others we know not of.
Thus conscience does make cowards of all girls,
And thus the natural trend of our playful bent
Is smeared over with the thin cast of thought,
And undertakings of great importance and concern.
With such reflections their future turns away
And loses the name of action.

G. SHAKE SPEAK

(From Hamlet, Act III, Scene I.

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Howard Celebrates the Emancipation Proclamation

The first annual Celebration of the Declaration of Independence ever held at Howard University was held on January first, in Andrew Rankin Chapel, under the auspices of the Freshman Medical class.

It is an established custom with the students of the southern colleges and universities like Wadon, Fisk, Roger Williams, Atlanta, Clark, Staigbt, and others to hold these exercises each New Year day and it is a prominent and important feature of each year's programme but this was the first time such was held at Howard.

It was conceived and executed by the Freshman Meds. The programme was intensely interesting and was well received by a large and appreciative audience.

Addresses were delivered by Messrs C. E. Allen, C. C. Lathers, F. D. Whitby, of the Freshman class. Dr. Thirkield spoke on the struggles and successes of the Negro and expressed his delight on having these exercises inaugurated here and said he hopes that in the future they will be celebrated each year under the joint auspices of all departments of the University.

Dean Reyburn's address was of inestimable value as it gave many incidents of Lincoln's life gotten through personal contact with him and not recorded in history.

The music of the occasion was rendered by the Lyric Orchestra and was said to be some of the best ever heard on the hill.

PROGRAMME

Processional	Lyric Orchestra
Music	Audience
Invocation	Dr. W. P. Thirkield
Music	Lyric Orchestra
Introductory Remarks	
	Mr. L. C. Downing
Reading of Emancipation Procl.	
	Mr. R. G. McGuire
Music	Lyric Orchestra
Lincoln's Gettysburg Oration	
	Mr. S. F. Phillips
Excerpts from Lincoln's Stories	
	Mr. P. M. Bell
Solo	Mr. T. E. Jones

Address Mr. C. E. Allen, A. B.
Music Lyric Orchestra
Oration Mr. C. C. Lathers, A. B.
Address Mr. F. D. Whitby, A. B.
Music Lyric Orchestra
Benediction

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